

THE CHALLENGE CUP

The Challenge Cup Relay is the largest and most unique law enforcement race in the world. It is a 120-mile, 20 stage, foot race beginning at Baker, California and finishing at Las Vegas, Nevada.

All law enforcement agencies are invited to participate, however; selection is at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. Refer to Chapter 411 for Application Information.

AWARD CATEGORIES			
	CATEGORY	DEFINITION	
1	Open	Any Gender – Any Age	All Sworn Personnel
2	Mixed	A minimum of 5 Female Runners	All Sworn Personnel
3	Women	Only Female Runners; pick from entire agency	All Sworn Personnel
4	800	Ages of Runners must total 800 years or more	All Sworn Personnel
5	500	Agency with 500 or less sworn personnel	All Sworn Personnel
6	300	Agency with 300 or less sworn personnel	All Sworn Personnel
7	150	Agency with 150 or less sworn personnel	All Sworn Personnel
8	99	Agency with 99 or less sworn personnel	All Sworn Personnel
9	Station	Geographic Station or Office not to exceed 500	All Sworn Personnel
10	Station Mix	Station cat. above and a min of 5 female runners	All Sworn Personnel
11	Inv	Full Time Civilian & Sworn members Criminal Justice Sys (2) non-sworn	
12	Inv Mix	Same as 12 but with a min. of 5 Females & min. (2) non-sworn	
13	500Inv	Agency with 500 or less – Civilian & Sworn minimum (2) non-sworn	
14	Guest	An Invited Team with Unknown Ability	
15	Inv Mix 800	Same as Inv Mix but number of years must add up to 800	

* For teams to be eligible to win the Challenge Cup and Belt Buckles the entire team must be all sworn law enforcement officers participating in an all sworn category.

* Starting for the 2020 race, all international teams must compete in the Guest Category. All teams in the Guest Category will receive a mug.

RELAY HISTORY

The Challenge Cup Relay began in 1985 with 19 teams as a race for Police Officers to improve their physical fitness. Pulling together twenty runners per team, along with the necessary support personnel, is only the first step along the challenging path.

In 2019 the Thirty-Fifth Annual Challenge Cup Relay accommodated 284 teams.

Thousands of runners, hundreds of support personnel, countless volunteers, tens of thousands of dollars, and innumerable work hours culminated in the finest race possible. This event is the "Super Bowl," of Law Enforcement.

Refer to Chapter 411 for relay Winner Information.

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of this highly competitive event is to promote camaraderie, physical fitness, pride, and teamwork throughout a broad spectrum of law enforcement personnel.

The grueling, non-stop competition demonstrates the need for superior physical fitness and teamwork. It also presents a unique and more positive view of law enforcement to the public we serve.

THE COURSE

The Challenge Cup starts approximately 25 miles north of Baker, California on State Highway 127. It follows the highway north to the town of Shoshone, California where it branches east on State Highway 178. It then crosses into Nevada just south of Stage Ten, on Nevada State Route 372. After a few miles, the course passes through Pahrump Nevada where it turns to the right on Nevada State Route 160.

The race course is divided into 20 stages, each approximately six miles long. The start line is at an altitude of about 700 feet. The course follows rolling desert topography, climbing slowly to Ibex Pass (2,090 feet). After a short downhill jaunt, the course again starts a series of rolling climbs until it tops out at Mountain Springs Summit at about 5,600 feet. From this point, it is all downhill to the finish line at the Rio Hotel. Refer to Chapter 411 for Finish Line Location.

THE RULES COMMITTEE

It is the responsibility, of the Rules Chairman Ruben Gonzalez in conjunction with the Rules Committee, to maintain equality in the team entry and selection process.

The Rules Committee retains exclusive authority for coordinating and directing the relay. The Rules Chair will appoint and designate race officials, monitors, and other volunteers, who shall be considered as Representatives of the Race. The Committee is responsible for developing and enforcing the rules in a manner to promote a safe and competitive race.

They may handicap teams by restricting their selection pool of runners, selective invitation, or denial of participation for specific reasons.

All decisions made by this committee will be made in the best interest of the communities, the relay, and the involved law enforcement officers.

Although all issues may not be specifically addressed within the rules, the committee retains the exclusive authority for coordinating, defining, interpreting, and judging the relay.

The Rules Committee will decide all exceptions, and or rules violations on an individual basis.

Refer to Chapter 411 for Rule Committee Members

RACE OFFICIAL

USA TRACK & FIELD OFFICIAL

This official will authenticate the start and finish times of all participating teams.

STAGE Officer-in Charge (OIC)

Each Stage point has an appointed Stage OIC who is responsible for maintaining and enforcing the race rules. Specifically, they are to assure that all vehicles and pedestrians in, or about, the Stage comply with all of the rules.

Each Stage OIC will have a staff of volunteers, provided by each of the teams, to assist in the orderly operations of the Stage.

The Stage OIC will be responsible for interpreting and enforcing the rules and documenting all rule violations.

For situations not covered in specific written instructions, they will use their best judgment to assure a fair and safe race.

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS (HAM's)

Each Stage has a group of Amateur Radio Operators appointed as Race Officials for the purpose of Emergency Communications, Early Warning, and back-up Time Keeping.

The times are recorded by computer and photo of each exchange. Ham Communication officials are deployed as back up timing along with announcing the incoming runner from Early Warning. Hams are staged at each exchange point to conduct all Emergency Communications to the Race Command Post.

HAM SAFETY PATROL

They patrol 2 vehicles per stage for the first 8 stages. They look for downed runners and report it to the Command Post. Their Command Post is located at the base of Ibex Pass

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MEDICAL RADIO NET & MEDICAL RADIO DISPATCHERS

These technical Support staff set up the entire Baker to Vegas 911 system including all Medical Radio Kits, relay stations and Med Base. Medical Dispatch is headquartered at the Rio Hotel and coordinates radio traffic over the 911 system. These personnel allow for immediate notification of injured participants, dispatching to nearest stage and if necessary dispatch emergency transport vehicles.

RV SUPPORT GROUP

These Officials set-up the Exchange Point including all equipment and logistical support, runner registration, issue bib numbers & pins, verification that medical information is complete, and provide adequate space for both the Radio Amateur Officials and Medical personnel.

These Officials will accumulate all written records for their stage at the close of operations, and have these records ready for collection by a Race Committee representative, at the close of operations.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS INCIDENT COMMANDER (EOIC) CALIFORNIA

The LAPRAAC Board of Directors will appoint an Emergency Operations Incident Commander (EOIC) who will be responsible for the coordination and deployment of all equipment located at the Medical Base of Operations. The EOIC will work very closely with the Chief Medical Officer to provide the best medical response to the participants of the event on the California side of the race course.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS INCIDENT COMMANDER (EOIC) NEVADA

The LAPRAAC Board of Directors will contract with State of Nevada Department of Public Safety for an Emergency Operations Incident Commander (EOIC) who will be responsible for the coordination and deployment of all personnel within the State of Nevada. The EOIC-Nevada will work very closely with the EOIC-California to insure a total communications of the event.

MEDICAL

The LAPRAAC Board of Directors will appoint the Chief of Medical Operations who will be responsible for the implementation of the Medical Plan of Operations. All stages within the State of California will have a medical team including Doctors and Nurses available to respond to any emergency. In addition, the race has secured a Medical Base of Operations (Med Base) near Tecopa Hot Springs for centralized Emergency Medical coordination.

Ground ambulance and Air services will be provided for those who require transportation to hospital.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Volunteer Motor riders will enforce Baker to Vegas rules as they pertain to ALL vehicle driving. Their mobile ability has them policing all drivable aspects of the race course.

Their duties include citing violators, escort duties for the Start, follow any runners who may be in need and most importantly police the Highway 160 area of the course.

Motor officers will be staged along the course coordinated by their own communication system; there duty is to preserve safety. They will have their own communication network.

In addition, patrol units from the CHP, NHP, and Nye County Sheriff will monitor the traffic thru out the race course.